

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) A locking device for locking a filler neck compartment cover of a vehicle that can be moved into an open position and into a closed position, comprising:

a locking element for blocking the filler neck compartment cover in the closed position; and

a servo drive for displacing the locking element from a release position into a blocking position,

wherein the locking device is designed as a preassembled, modular unit which can be fastened in an edge region of a mounting opening that is provided in a body part of the vehicle, vehicle and that serves to house the filler neck compartment, and

wherein the locking device has at least one retaining groove grooves  
within which can be pushed onto a at least one retaining flange located in or on  
defined by the edge region of the mounting opening is receivable.

11. (Previously presented) The locking device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the mounting opening has a marginal cutout.

12. (Currently amended) The locking device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the retaining flange is formed on at the marginal cutout.

13. (Currently amended) The locking device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the retaining ~~groove~~ is grooves are provided on a housing of a filler neck compartment cover lifting arrangement.

14. (Currently amended) The locking device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the filler neck compartment cover lifting arrangement has at least two retaining webs arranged at a distance from one another, and wherein each of the retaining webs has a one of said retaining ~~groove~~ grooves.

15. (Previously presented) The locking device as claimed in claim 14, wherein an engagement opening for a mating element on the filler neck compartment cover interacts with the locking element.

16. (Currently amended) The locking device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the filler neck compartment cover lifting arrangement comprises a ~~push~~ push mechanism interacting with said mating element.

17. (Previously presented) The locking device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the servo drive and the filler neck compartment cover lifting arrangement are each designed as a modular unit.

18. (Previously presented) The locking device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the servo drive and the filler neck compartment cover lifting arrangement are detachably connected to one another.

19. (Previously presented) The locking device as claimed in claim 18, wherein, when in the mounted state, the filler neck compartment engages into a free space between the retaining webs, and wherein the filler neck compartment can be fastened to the filler neck compartment cover lifting arrangement.

20. (Previously presented) The locking device as claimed in claim 19, wherein the filler neck compartment can be fastened to at least one of the retaining webs and the body part.